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# Landscape Lectures Help Create Dream Garden

The ideal landscape provides your family with recreation, privacy and pleasure. Whether you're starting from scratch with a new house or just want to renovate your existing yard, it will surely pay off to attend Green Spring Gardens' landscaping lectures scheduled to begin in the middle of January. Each class will feature an essential element in creating the landscape garden you desire.

On Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., do-it-yourselfers will learn basic design elements that underlie the discipline of landscape design. These fundamental elements serve as building blocks for learning and implementing more advanced principles for designing a garden. These tried and true principles serve as the cornerstones of the world's picture-perfect gardens.

The following week, on Saturday, January 19th from 9:30 to 11 a.m., participants will find out why a garden isn't just about plants but also walkways, walls and other elements that create a pleasant space for entertaining and enjoyment through a workshop specifically highlighting garden hardscapes. Hardscapes are enduring, strong, decorative and functional structures that support compliment and add long lasting beauty and value to your home and surrounding landscape.

Lastly, on Saturday, January 26th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., future gardeners will discover how to carry out their designs by learning about soil and plant selection. In order for plants to grow successfully after planting, gardeners must provide them with the right soil conditions. Trees, shrubs and perennials offer the "finishing touch" to a landscape design. Discuss proper selection and location of plants and learn about the varieties available for your garden.

Each workshop requires a \$15 prepayment registration fee. To reserve your spot in the class or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, please call 703-642-5173.

Green Spring Gardens is located 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria

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